GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1376
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CONDITION OF CUTTACK-PARADEEP NATIONAL HIGHWAY
ANANTA NAYAK

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the pitiable condition of the Cuttack-Paradeep National Highway in Orissa;

(b) if so, whether this National Highway has not been repaired despite the Central allocation;

(c) if so, the reasons for the sanctioned fund not being used for the repair and maintenance of this National Highway, and

(d) the action taken against those who have misused or diverted the fund provided for it ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI PON. RADHAKIRISHNAN)

(a) to (d) The direct road joining Cuttack and Paradeep is not a National Highway and does not come under the purview of the Union Government. The other alignment which joins Cuttack to Chandikhole and Chandikhole to Paradeep are National Highways No.5 and 5A respectively.

Cuttack to Chandikhole section of National Highway No.5 has already been four laned under theGolden Quadrilateral project and is in traffic worthy condition.

Improvement works on NH-5A amounting to about Rs. 11.60 crore have been completed in the last four years and the road is in traffic worthy condition. This National Highway is proposed to be four laned under the Port Connectivity Scheme by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI). This project is likely to be started in February, 2004 and completed in February, 2007.